



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Assembly Bill 562

Assembly Amendment 1

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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 562

Under current law, a county containing a first class city (currently only Milwaukee County) may not incur any expenses relating to the operation of a rail fixed guideway transportation system in the first class city unless the expense incurred will be fully reimbursed by the first class city.

Under the bill, the state and its agencies are also prohibited from incurring these expenses.

The bill also removes the enumeration of any project resulting from the Milwaukee Downtown Transit Connector Study of the Wisconsin Center District from the list of major transit capital improvement projects eligible for construction and specifies that money provided for urban mass transit operating assistance program aids may not be used for any purpose relating to the operation of a rail fixed guideway transportation system in a first class city.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

The amendment specifies that the state, its agencies, and Milwaukee County cannot incur any expenses relating to the operation "or construction" of a rail fixed guideway transportation system. The amendment also requires a first class city to reimburse the state, its agencies, or Milwaukee County if any of those entities incurs a direct or indirect expense relating to the operation or construction of a rail fixed guideway transportation system.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Sanfelippo and Representative Kremer on January 14, 2016. On February 11, 2016, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 5.

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